

WAITAKERE COLLEGE STUDENTS

WELCOME TO 2020 YEAR 9 - ISC

STARTING DATES

Monday	3 February	8.40 am - 3.05 pm	Timetabled Classes for Day 3
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BYOD (Bring your own device) – Chromebooks are the recommended device

All year 9 students are required to bring their device on the first day of school to log on to the school network and begin their e-learning programme. **If you do not have a device yet, please see the school website for more information.** The school requests parents provide a digital device (chromebook or similar). This allows students to access work online at home in addition to any school learning.

BYOD – ENGRAVING

To help with security around devices, we encourage them to be named. Inscribing on a device incorrectly can cause the warranty to be invalidated. We have organised a local company, who can engrave your device safely, to come in to the school on **Thursday, 20th February** to engrave your computers at cost of about \$15 per device.

ID CARDS

All students will be photographed in early March for ID cards and for the school's records. Although ID cards are not compulsory, students may require them for discounted fares on buses and trains or concessions at movies etc. ID cards cost **\$10.00** and can be ordered and paid for at our accounts department.

STATIONERY

The school no longer sells stationery. For some subjects, workbooks will be required and these will be given out in class. For other stationery items, if you purchase from Warehouse Stationery, the company supports the College by making generous gifts of vouchers available for prize giving. However, you can purchase from the retailer of your choice.

SCHOOL DONATION & FEES

The school's Board of Trustees has decided to take part in the new Donations Scheme of the NZ Government in 2020. The purpose of this is to lower the cost of education to families.

- There will be no request for a school donation.
- We will only be asking families to meet course material costs where there is a take home component. This will result in considerable savings for you and your family.
- Course workbooks and on-line learning programs will also now be funded by the school where these items are an expectation for the whole class. Students will need to purchase their own optional revision guides.
- The costs of day trips that are a core part of the curriculum will now also be covered by the school. Optional and overnight trips will still need to be paid for by families.
- Students and families will still be expected to meet the costs for sports, arts and cultural activities.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The main school office will reopen on **Monday, 20th January** with normal hours of 8am until 4pm.

The accounts department will also reopen on **Monday 20th January** with normal hours of 8.30 until 3.15pm.

The accounts department will be open the same hours as the uniform shop during the uniform sale days and will be situated in C9 at this time.

CANTEEN

This will be open for lunch and normal sales from **Friday, 31st January**.

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UNIFORM

Uniform can be purchased through the school at the Student Centre. If you know what you need, please go and pay at accounts first, then take your receipt to the Student Centre to try on and collect. Please see the times and dates below for our uniform sale days.

UNIFORM SALES 2020

Tuesday 21 January	9.00 am – 6.00 pm
Wednesday 22 January	9.00 am – 6.00 pm
Thursday 23 January	9.00 am – 6.00 pm
Friday 24 January	9.00 am – 3.00 pm

Then during the school day 8.30 am to 3.15 pm.

Please note that accounts will be in C9 during uniform sale days.